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Good Nonfiction

Reference

†Benjamin, M. A. Autographs: a key to collecting. Bowker $6 **091**

Introduces the beginner among American autograph collectors to "those points which are of immediate and essential importance," while scholars, librarians, collectors and dealers in historical manuscripts will find useful information in the author's keys. The interesting, authoritative volume includes a fund of anecdotes, a historical summary of autograph collecting, information on evaluation, what to collect and where to buy, detection of forgeries, facsimiles, reproductions and manuscript copies, the value of old manuscripts and the preservation and arrangement of autographs. Reproductions of famous autographs. Tables, reference lists, index.

Child Study, Ethics and Religion

Gesell, A. L. & others. The child from five to ten. Harper $4 **136.7**

The staff of the Yale Clinic of Child Development directs to parents, teachers and others concerned with children this valuable, popularly written "biographic-developmental study of the patterning of behavior throughout the first ten years of life." Supplementing an earlier work, *The first five years of life*, the volume aims to impart a sense of growth trends and is based on clinical data as well as direct observation of children. Subject matter is arranged by ages, with systematic reference to ten major fields of behavior. For adult readers. A quarto with diagrams and drawings. References and readings, index.

Liebman, J. L. Peace of mind. Simon & Schuster $2.50 **170**

In these penetrating, thought-provoking, timely essays, first presented as a lecture series at the Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Liebman, of Temple Israel, Boston, suggests ways of achieving peace of mind through a correlation of the discoveries of modern dynamic psychology with the truest religious insights and goals of the ages. Drawing on his rich intellectual background, he uses illustrative material from his consultative experiences to help the perplexed gain insight into crucial problems concerned with such subjects as love, hate, fear, death and immortality.

Sockman, R. W. Now to live! Abingdon-Cokesbury $2 **252**

Twenty-five perceptive and challenging radio sermons which deal constructively and concretely with the problems of the individual and of this postwar world. In Doctor Sockman's foreword, he states that "these messages are merely one man's best efforts to meet the needs of his fellow citizens... Through them I have tried to preach the Eternal Gospel."

Sperry, W. L. Religion in America. (Am. life and institutions, v. 1) Macmillan $2.50 **277.3**

† Indicates books which while written for adults are suitable also for use in high school libraries.

Writing in response to an invitation from the Cambridge University Press, the dean of the Harvard Divinity School has given English people "some idea of the present state of religion in America." Of interest also to the layman in the United States, the informing and readable volume follows a brief introduction to our colonial history and a discussion of the separation of church and state with a judicious consideration of the various denominations. Other chapters take up religious education, Negro churches, American Catholicism and church union. Material in appendixes and the statistics add to reference value. Index.

Economics, Sociology, Education etc.

†**Bowles, Chester.** Tomorrow without fear. Simon & Schuster $2.50; $1 *paper* **330.973**

A challenging, controversial and thought-provoking "quick inventory of our economy, of the potential that is ours, and of what we have done with that potential." In terms of 200 billion dollars of annual production for the next four years, Chester Bowles, at the time of writing Director of the Office of Economic Stabilization, discusses forcefully and with the use of statistical material such topics as economic security and balance by the tax route, better distribution of income and the government's role in a free economy, contending that full employment means a "tomorrow without fear" for "all the world's people." A quarto with many illuminating charts.

†**Commission on freedom of the press.** Peoples speaking to peoples; a report on international mass communication [by Llewellyn White and Robert D. Leigh]. Univ. of Chicago Press $2 **384**

Compounded from books, public documents, interviews and conferences, commission discussions and direct experience in the field, this timely, valuable report takes up such provocative and vital questions as: What are the present instruments and processes in international communication? What is their origin, history and present functioning? How adequate are they for the tasks ahead? What are the proposals for change in operations calculated to achieve our objectives? The last chapter contains specific proposals for achieving better understanding between nations through the dissemination of true information. Note on sources, list of the commission's publications.

†**Fiske, E. R.** The veterans' best opportunities; with basic business principles and their application. Essential Bks $2.50 **371.4**

Lieutenant Commander Fiske offers a "down-to-earth presentation of facts and understandable data" on good jobs in promising industries and possibilities in small business. More than half of the book consists of articles by successful executives, giving up-to-date information on opportunities in such fields as air conditioning, advertising, beauty service, radio electronics, fashion retailing and real estate. Tables, book lists.

†**Haring, D. G.,** *ed.* Japan's prospect. Harvard Univ. Press $4 **309.152**

An outgrowth of the Harvard University School for Overseas Administration program for training U. S. Army and Navy officers for the duties of military government in Japan, these illuminating, authoritative chapters afford a comprehensive survey of the critical problem of "what to do with Japan." An introductory essay on Japanese situations as criterions of practical policy is followed by others on historical background, population and social structure, economic system, religion, military government and occupation of Japan, prospects of constitutional democracy, Russian policies in the Far East etc. Map on end papers. Tables, documentary material in appendixes, index.

Lasch, Robert. Breaking the building blockade. Univ. of Chicago Press $3 **331.83**

In a challenging, constructive volume on the housing problem, an editorial writer for the *Chicago Sun* considers such questions as: What's wrong with our housing? What can be done about it? Who should plan our cities? Among topics treated are blighted neighborhoods, high costs versus low incomes, housing and jobs and the essentials of a sound program. Some of the material has appeared in the *Reader's Digest*. Sample project and list of federal agencies in appendixes, index.

Mahoney, J. J. For us the living; an approach to civic education. Harper $3 **307**

Primarily addressed to public school teachers and school officers, though of interest to all enlightened citizens, this stimulating and timely study stresses the need to organize a definite school program of civic education aiming to preserve and improve democracy. After clarifying "what civic education means, includes and involves," the author, professor of education at Boston University, discusses democracy as a way of life, political lethargy and leadership, social and economic democracy, prejudices, civic objectives and specific school procedures. Tables. Supplementary readings, index.

Nathan, R. R. & others. Palestine: problem and promise; an economic study. Am. council on public affairs $5 **330.956**

Based on years of investigation in Palestine and the United States, this authoritative, objective appraisal of the economic potentialities of Palestine was sponsored by the American Palestine Institute, a nonpartisan research organization. The definitive work deals in general with many phases of the subject, including the Middle East background, ancient experiences, Palestine and world Jewry, the land and peoples today, manufactures, transport trade and services, agriculture, housing and the immigration potential. Of reference value. Maps on end papers, tables. Notes, index.

†Siepmann, C. A. Radio's second chance. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $2.50 **384.5**

Who decides what we hear on the air? Who pays for it? Do the people of this country get the program service they want and need, or do they not; and if not, why not? Is the electorate kept fully informed by radio about the issues on which it is being asked to make up its mind? These and other pertinent questions are answered in a volume, at once critical and constructive, which takes up such aspects of radio broadcasting as commercials, freedom of speech on the air and frequency modulation. Index.

Natural Science and Useful Arts

†Boerker, R. H. D. Behold our green mansions; a book about American forests. Univ. of North Carolina Press $4 **634.9**

A sound, valuable book informing the layman concerning many phases of the conservation problem. The chapters, supplemented by numerous excellent photographs and maps, discuss the relation of forests to wild life, erosion, flood control, forestry and agriculture, the prevention and control of forest fires, tree diseases and forest sanitation and economic factors in private forestry etc. Index.

Brodie, Bernard, *ed.* The absolute weapon: atomic power and world order. (Yale Univ. Institute of International Studies. Publications) Harcourt $2 **623.4**

In an enlightening work, five members of the Yale Institute of International Studies bring together the results of their research on the common problem of the development of atomic energy and its implications for mankind. They deal with the effect of the atomic bomb on the character of war and military policy, on Soviet-American relations and on political consequences and international organization and control. Index.

†George Gamow's *Atomic energy in cosmic and human life; fifty years of radioactivity* (Macmillan $3 **541.2**) discusses clearly and readably the practical and ethical complications in the use of atomic energy. Doctor Gamow, an authority on the subject, gives as complete and scientifically accurate an explanation of atomic energy as possible, answering in detail such questions as "What is it? Where does it come from?" and "How can it be used for better or worse?" Photographs and many schematic drawings supplement the text which, however, requires some background knowledge of physics. Table of nuclear species.

†Colbert, E. H. The dinosaur book. (Man and nature publications. Handbook, no. 14) Am. museum of natural history $2.50 **568.19**

Accompanied by a profusion of illuminating drawings, this is a fascinating story of the various kinds of dinosaurs,

explaining their relationships to one another and to other reptiles, inquiring into the manner in which they lived together and exploring the environmental conditions that surrounded them and determined the separate courses of their varied life histories. The author is curator of fossil reptiles, amphibians and fishes, The American Museum of Natural History. Main groups of amphibians and reptiles and their span in geologic history, synoptic table of amphibia and reptilia, including genera mentioned in book, glossary and guide to pronunciation, bibliography, index.

Farnham, R. B. & Ingham, Van Wie, *eds.* Grounds for living; the home dweller's compleat guide to his lawns, trees, & gardens. Rutgers Univ. Press $2.50 **635.9**

In this attractive volume nine agricultural specialists give practical advice to amateurs on how to get more enjoyment from their home grounds. Articles are concerned with plantings around the house, with the lawn, what trees to grow and how to care for them, raising vegetables for the table, fruit trees, the soil and outdoor construction. Numerous helpful black and white drawings and diagrams. Suggested references at chapter ends. List of tables, index.

†Hausman, L. A. Field book of eastern birds. (Putnam field bks) Putnam $3.75 **598.2**

Compact, easy-to-use field book, enabling the beginner to identify birds about the home, in the fields and woods, along the shores and on the mountains in the territory east of the Mississippi river and of the west shore of Hudson bay. A field key to bird families prefaces the body of the text which considers briefly individual birds, their field marks, field description, characteristic habits, notes, habitat and range. Color plate frontispiece and five other plates in color, more than 400 black and white drawings. Bibliography, index.

Pearson, H. S. Success on the small farm. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw-Hill $2.50 **630**

Practical, specific information offered by the author of *Country flavor* (*Bookmark*, January 1946) "to help beginners and established small acreage farmers make more profit from the farm business." Outlining a six months' plan for producing high-priced specialty crops that will sell readily on the right kind of roadside stand, Haydn Pearson gives useful pointers on the value of the home garden, on the restoration of poor soils, on how to run a small dairy and how to obtain a good income by raising strawberries, red raspberries, asparagus, muskmelons, sweet corn etc. Illustrative photographs.

Fine Arts

Dean, J. P. & Breines, Simon. The book of houses. Crown $2 **728**

Good and bad features of houses, for the most part in traditional styles in the $5000–$10,000 class, are pointed out in this comprehensive volume by a regional economist, Federal Public Housing Authority, and a member of a well-known firm of architects. Advice is given on how to go about finding a home to buy, on legal and financial problems, remodeling, features of housing and planning that give long-run satisfaction and ideas and details that appeal to individual taste. There are chapters on prefabrication and on low cost summer houses and cabins. A quarto, with 150 photographs of real houses, 100 plans and other black and white drawings.

In *New homes for today* by P. R. Williams (Murray & Gee $3; $2 *paper* **728**) plans and drawings on opposite pages are accompanied by simple text, describing one-story, story-and-a-half and two-story houses, duplexes, ranch homes and occasional interiors. Brief introductory material on building and furnishing. An attractive quarto, printed in green ink on green paper.

†Lampell, Millard. The long way home. Messner $2.50 **792**

First produced on an official Army Air Forces radio program, these 14 plays comprise a vigorous and moving "battle report of the soldier's homecoming and his fight for some kind of decent, secure world to live in." Focusing now on a facial surgery job or on a man who has learned to walk again, now on a Japanese-American boy or a man with "the wound that shows no scars," they reflect the bitterness, the need for understanding and the courageous determination of the returned soldiers Staff Sergeant Millard

Lampell has met in redistribution stations and convalescent hospitals. Production notes.

†**Low, David.** Years of wrath; a cartoon history: 1931–1945. Simon & Schuster $3.75 **741**

Spanning the period from September 1931 to September 1945, this collection of David Low's brilliant and well-known political cartoons covers not only the entire history of the war up to the surrender of Japan, but also some earlier work. Approximately half of the present selection was included in *Cartoon history of our times* and *Low on the war*. A concise running text by Quincy Howe, news analyst, accompanies the drawings. Quarto with attractive format. Chronology of the second World War.

McBride, R. M., *ed.* A treasury of antiques. McBride $4 **708**

A "pageant of articles in a wide variety of subjects," providing a basic knowledge of the hobby of collecting antiques. Experts in their fields deal with such topics as furniture, clocks, chandeliers, wallpaper, silver, pottery, porcelain and old glass, while hints are given the unwary on how to detect the faker and spurious articles. Copiously illustrated quarto, with fine photographic reproductions on every page and a special section devoted to photographs of antiques for the home.

Wilson, H. V. Geraniums; pelargoniums for windows and gardens. Barrows $2.75 **716**

As Helen Wilson accurately describes the different varieties of geraniums and gives advice on their culture, she weaves into her enthusiastic narrative bits of history and colorful detail. Among her topics are familiar doubles and surprising singles, indoor culture of pot plants, colored-leaved varieties, pests and disease, schedule for a greenhouse, hobbies, societies and shows. Colored frontispiece and other water colors and line drawings by Natalie Harlan Davis. Photographs. List of species and selected varieties, index.

Literature

Mayorga, *Mrs* **M. G.,** *comp.* 20 non-royalty one-act popular classics. Greenberg $3 **808**

An excellent collection of tested one-act plays from many lands that "have the capacity to stir sympathetic emotions" and, "above the differences of languages, customs, and experiences... have values that all men understand." Among the authors represented are Hans Sachs, Calderón, Molière, Chekhov, Yeats, Maeterlinck, William Dean Howells, Paul Green, Maxwell Anderson and Archibald MacLeish. In some instances payment of royalty may be omitted only when no admission fee is charged.

Reager, R. C. You can talk well. Rutgers Univ. Press $2.50 **808.5**

Based on 25 years of experience in both teaching and speaking, this comprehensive, popular volume provides "a practical, common sense approach to all oral communication." An analysis of general speech problems is followed by concrete, specific suggestions for preparing and organizing speech material effectively. Further chapters deal with vocabulary, voice and tonal quality, platform manner, the duties of a presiding officer, the banquet or dinner meeting, the sales talk, interview, written report and paper etc. Diagrams. Summaries at chapter ends, source list of material and bibliography in appendixes.

Rosten, Norman. The big road. Rinehart $2.50 **811**

Essentially authentic historical background, imaginative sweep, lively dialogue and rhythmic lines mark this long narrative poem "of the road-legend as it touches ancient Rome, Pizarro and Peru, Bering's search for a northern landbridge, the Wilderness Road, and finally the present, the Alcan Highway." Attractive in format, with world map on end papers and regional maps by George Annand.

Williams, Oscar, *ed.* A little treasury of modern poetry, English & American. Scribner $2.75 **821**

A rich and discriminating anthology of some 400 serious and light poems, both English and American, from the time of A. E. Housman's *Shropshire lad* to modern war poetry, "a short fifty years, yet so abundant, not only in the number of its good poets and good poems, but also in its variety of poetic techniques and subject matters, that it rivals any preceding century."

Most of the poems included are under 75 lines in length and none is over 150, with the exception of T. S. Eliot's *The waste land* and Francis Thompson's *The hound of heaven.* Portrait photographs. T. S. Eliot's notes on *The waste land,* indexes of first lines and of authors.

History

Arciniegas, Germán. Caribbean: sea of the New World; tr. from the Spanish by Harriet de Onís. Knopf $3.75 **972.9**

Absorbing, interpretive chronicle of the "fantastic and dramatic" events which took place in the Caribbean from the 16th century to the beginning of the 20th, emphasizing the struggle between the European powers for control of the Caribbean. Folding map frontispiece, photographs. Bibliography, index.

Beattie, E. W. jr. Diary of a kriegie. Crowell $3 **940.54**

Captured by the Germans in 1944, Edward Beattie, a United Press correspondent, intimately acquainted with the country and the Nazi system, was for eight months a prisoner of war, a "kriegie." In his detailed, often humorous diary, the author describes the wretched conditions prevailing in German prison camps, the indifference to the welfare of the captured and the prisoners' occupations and their obsession with food. A revealing picture of German life and train of thought during the months before the final collapse is afforded. Many cleverly expressive drawings by the author.

†Bonsal, Stephen. Suitors and suppliants; the little nations at Versailles. Prentice-Hall $3.50 **940.3**

Dealing with "ancient questions once again become present-day problems," these significant excerpts from Colonel Bonsal's illuminating diary, 1918–19, material not included in *Unfinished business* (*Bookmark,* May 1944), records various difficulties and disputes attendant on the peace negotiations and interviews with and impressions of the many representatives of the little peoples, the "Oppressed Nationalities," whose complex pleas he interpreted for Colonel House at the Paris peace conference. Text of Wilson's program, list of delegates to the peace conference and glossary of names in appendixes, index.

†Butcher, H. C. My three years with Eisenhower. Simon & Schuster $5 **940.54**

As naval aide to General Eisenhower, 1942 to 1945, Captain Butcher was "a firsthand witness to world history in the making," and in this informal, personal, day-by-day diary, he gives a running account of what he saw or heard, including a valuable and faithful portrait of "General Ike." His record of secret operations and important developments in the war in Europe is interlarded not only with intimate, revealing glimpses of distinguished military and national leaders, their reactions and relationships, but also with amusing, often trivial incidents and humorous observations. Maps on end papers, excellent photographs. Summaries of global warfare inserted at monthly intervals, glossary, index.

Curti, M. E. The roots of American loyalty. King's Crown Press $3 **973**

Emphasizing the formative period of American patriotism, this scholarly study by the author of *The growth of American thought* (*Bookmark,* May 1944) traces, with the use of primary source material, including Fourth of July orations, academic addresses etc., the pattern of emotions and ideas in the development of national loyalty to the present time. Having determined what are the ingredients of the older, individualistic, liberty-loving patriotism, Professor Curti poses the question of its survival in the present, interdependent world. For the historically minded reader. Bibliographical note, index.

Hall, W. P. Iron out of Calvary; an interpretative history of the second World War. Appleton-Century $4 **940.53**

After briefly sketching world conditions, trends and "diseases" previous to the outbreak of the second World War, Doctor Hall, Dodge professor of history, Princeton University, presents an incisive, factual yet readable chronicle of the military events and conduct of the war and a discerning appraisal of problems involved. Maps. Reading list, index.

†Leigh, Randolph. 48 million tons to Eisenhower; the rôle of the SOS in the defeat of Germany. Infantry Journal $2 **940.54**

An impressive record of the vast, complex, highly successful project of the Services of Supply of the United States Army in the European Theater of Operations. Statistical material supplements the succinct account of the combined efforts of thousands of skilled, courageous and determined men and women, including truck drivers, engineers, switchboard operators, physicians and nurses, "doing their duty . . . in defiance both of danger and exhaustion." Decorated end papers, maps, charts, photographs. Roster of staff, Headquarters Communications Zone, index.

Loo, Pin-fei. It is dark underground. Putnam $2.75 **951**

Joining the underground movement in China at 17 after witnessing the horror and destruction attending the Japanese occupation of Shanghai, the author of this stirring chronicle describes the organization, activities and adventures of the intrepid Special Youth Group, later known as "The Fire Gods." Though facing danger, torture and even death, these boys and girls trained patriotic new members throughout China and effectively spread terror among the enemy.

†Millis, Walter. The last phase; the allied victory in western Europe. Houghton $2.50 **940.54**

Originally prepared for the Bureau of Overseas Publications of the Office of War Information, this is "a brief, co-ordinated narrative account of the great campaigns which swept from the beaches of Normandy to the unconditional surrender in Berlin." The strategy and tactics of each campaign are analyzed judiciously and in detail, with the conclusion that Germany failed because of "an insufficient appreciation of the great moral and psychological imperatives which still lie at the springs of human affairs." Map on end papers and other maps, many photographs.

Nehru, Jawaharlal. The discovery of India. Day $5 **954**

While in prison in 1944, Jawaharlal Nehru wrote this brilliant, philosophical study of Indian history and culture, sensitively interpreting the moving drama of his people's present in the light of their rich past. Following several autobiographical chapters, he discusses various aspects of Indian life, such as religion and art, literature, the developments in science, economics and politics and India's place in the world today. Index.

†Pyle, E. T. Last chapter. Holt $2.50 **940.54**

With the simplicity, warmth and perspicacity that characterized Ernie Pyle's previous volumes, this collection of his last reports covers his experiences and observations as he crossed the Pacific for the first time by plane, visited the B-29 Superfortress fliers who were bombing Japan from the Marianas, and lived with friendly marines on a flat-top, participating in the storming of Okinawa and meeting his untimely death on Ie Shima, April 17, 1945. Photographs. Index of persons and places.

Romulo, C. P. I see the Philippines rise. Doubleday $2.75 **991.4**

In this triumphant, moving sequel to *I saw the fall of the Philippines* (*Bookmark,* March 1943), General Romulo describes his thoughts, emotions and experiences upon his return to Leyte on A-Day and later to Manila. The story of the liberation of his country, "occupied, oppressed and financially ruined by an implacable enemy," is inextricably linked not only with his own untiring efforts, as Resident Commissioner of the Philippines, to obtain Philippine independence but also with his fears for the safety of his family behind the Japanese lines. Index.

†Rosinger, L. K. Restless India. Holt $2; Foreign Policy Association (Headline ser. no. 55) 35c *paper* **954**

Succinct, timely survey of Indian life and current developments by the Far Eastern expert of the Foreign Policy Association. India's diversity of population, her religions, industries, government, part in the second World War and goals for the future are outlined against her historic background. Documentary appendix, suggested reading. Maps, charts, black and white drawings.

Roucek, J. S., *ed.* Central-eastern Europe, crucible of world wars. Prentice-Hall $5 **940**

A notable collection of articles by distinguished authorities on the different countries of Central-Eastern Europe, affording in a single volume "fair and reliable information on the historical development of those states, with particular emphasis on the period following the first World War." Concluding chapters deal with governments-in-exile and postwar plans, Russia's strategies and aims and the economic problems for the Central-Eastern European region. Folding and other maps. Bibliographies at chapter ends, index.

†Rouchaud, Martine. The time of our lives; tr. by Claire Nicolas and Louise Varèse. Pantheon $3 **940.54**

Tingling with a young girl's irrepressible zest for adventure, this is a fresh, engaging chronicle, in diary form, of a French family's odyssey in various parts of the country during the Nazi occupation. Whether they are moving from town to town ahead of the Germans, with their possessions piled in a ramshackle car, or are settling down in the country where they have to hunt mushrooms and wild leeks in the woods, or scour the neighboring farms for food, the four lively Rouchaud daughters, under their dauntless mother's guidance, live as nearly normal a life as possible, always finding cause for merriment and fun no matter what their difficulties or vicissitudes. Map on end papers, pen and ink sketches by Ludmilla Alexeieff.

†Smith, C. H. & Taylor, G. R. Flags of all nations. Crowell $2.50 **929.9**

The origin and significance of the flags of all sovereign nations are set forth in this attractive, authoritative volume. A complete history of the evolution of the United States flag is given, including European flags planted in the New World by explorers, colonial and battle flags used by the colonists, the Stars and Stripes, changes in the United States flag and flags of United States territories and dependencies. Descriptions of the flags of foreign nations, arranged alphabetically, and a chapter on flag terminology. Full-color reproductions of the flags of all nations. Index.

Smith, Nicol, & Clark, T. B. Into Siam, underground kingdom. Bobbs-Merrill $3.50 **959.3**

Chosen by the Office of Strategic Services to find out why Thailand had taken Japan's side in the second World War, Nicol Smith went as quartermaster and finance officer with a group of American-trained Siamese to "the biggest information blind spot in the entire Far East." How he and his men penetrated deep into enemy territory, establishing radio contact between the Allies and the secret underground and lived in a beautiful palace in Bangkok is told in a colorful and amazing adventure story. Pictorial map on end papers and other maps, photographs. Lists of Siamese agents and key personalities of Thailand, index.

Valentin, Veit. The German people; tr. by Olga Marx. Knopf $6 **943**

With rich background and admirable lucidity, this brilliant, readable volume by a distinguished exiled German historian traces the history of Germany from the time of the Holy Roman Empire through the second World War. In addition to the narration of events and the characterization of political leaders, Valentin, with fairness and wisdom, interprets the nature of the German people, their economic, social and cultural heritage and considers the outlook for the future. Of reference value. Folding map frontispiece and other maps. Chronology, genealogical tables, pedigree of German parties, bibliographical note and reading list, index.

The course of German history by A. J. P. Taylor (Coward-McCann $3 **943**) is a trenchant, well-informed survey of the development of Germany since 1815 which stresses the interplay of Little German and Greater German policies and the conflict between Germans and Slavs. The author is a fellow and tutor of Magdalen College, Oxford. More concise and less expensive than Valentin's *The German people.* Small type gives volume a textbook appearance. Maps. Index.

Description and Travel

Campbell, B. D. Where the high winds blow. Scribner $2.75 **919.8**

Spending a number of years employed at various trading posts of the

Eastern Arctic Hudson's Bay Company, the author grew familiar with the way of life and customs of the Eskimo, frequently living in their camps and being treated as a member of their communities. Notable for its insight into Eskimo character, the narrative is packed with realistic, detailed descriptions of struggles in blizzards, the building of igloos, seal and walrus hunting, ice fishing and traveling in caribou country. Frank comment on the Eskimos' attitude toward sex. Portrait of author and fine black and white chapter heads drawn by Philip Bear.

Godden, Rumer. Thus far and no further. Little $3 **915.42**

Accompanied by her two young daughters, their Italian-Swiss governess and four Pekinese, Rumer Godden spent one wartime winter on an Indian tea estate, surrounded by the unbelievable grandeur of the Himalayas. Her chronicle is full of color whether it is concerned with little daily activities, the ways and festivals of the coolies or the management of a tea estate and conveys well the magic of the place with its sense of unhurried peace, joy and freedom. Drawings by Tontyn Hopman are a distinguished complement to the text.

McWilliams, Carey. Southern California country; an island on the land. (American folkways) Duell $3.75 **917.94**

Realistic, provocative study of Southern California, "a sharply defined region, not merely in the geographic sense," but in its "cultural landscape" as well. Tracing the history of the Missions from the point of view of the Indians rather than the Franciscans, the enlightening volume, based on extensive research, goes on to examine the social, economic and political phases of life on this "island on the land," devoting a separate chapter to the unique community of Hollywood. Map on front end papers. Index.

Rosa, Guido. North Africa speaks. Day $3.50 **916.1**

Guided by a companionable, philosophical Arab, the author of *Mexico speaks* (*Bookmark*, November 1944), on a visit to Algeria and Morocco, was enabled to understand not only the people's inherited culture but also "the humanity, the seething energy, the color, the mystery, the vigor, and the aspiration that is North Africa." The graphic narrative is studded with the conversations of ordinary men and women, such as a sand diviner, a seller of salt, a desert farmer, a cobbler and a teller of tales. Map and innumerable picturesque photographs, some with captions, in a special section.

†**Stanwell-Fletcher, T. C.** (*Mrs* **J. F. Stanwell-Fletcher).** Driftwood valley. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $4 **917.11**

Penetrating into the wilderness of British Columbia, bent on collecting specimens for a museum, the author and her husband built a cabin on the shore of a lovely lake in a region uninhabited except for occasional Indian trappers. Beginning with their race to get a shelter up before winter's deep snows, this vivid chronicle of adventurous living in uncharted country is full of intimate observations of wild life, the young couple's struggles to provide food for themselves and their dogs by fishing or hunting, their strenuous camping trips, winter and summer, and their efforts to establish friendly relations with the Indians. Fine animal drawings by Mr Stanwell-Fletcher. List of plants and animals found in the region.

Steel, Byron. Let's visit Mexico. McBride $3 **917.2**

Succinct, informing, up-to-date guide to Mexico. Practical advice on identification cards, customs regulations and other "facts you should know before leaving" precede a chapter on Mexico's historic background, while detailed directions are given for reaching Mexico City by automobile, train, boat and plane, with descriptions of the sights of Mexico City and of trips to Acapulco, Guadalajara and other picturesque places. Route and street maps, including two folding maps, photographs. Travel hints in appendix, bibliography, index.

Biography

Hamilton, Alexander. **Schachner, Nathan.** Alexander Hamilton. Appleton-Century $4 **B** *or* **92**

Based on careful research, this full-length biography presents a fresh,

judicious evaluation of the personality and meteoric career of Alexander Hamilton and of the truly "incalculable services he had rendered" in the inception of our Nation. His West Indies background, his marriage, brilliant success as a lawyer, his public offices and eminence as champion of Federalist principles as well as his human frailties are described in detail against the turbulent background of the times. Notes, bibliography, index.

Hume, E. H. Doctors East, doctors West; an American physician's life in China. Norton $3 **B** *or* **92**

Looking back on his 25 colorful, fruitful and sometimes perilous years in China, the founder of the Yale-in-China medical college and hospital in Changsha provides a "personal record of how one American doctor discovered that medicine was a builder of bridges between nations and cultures." Blending humor with wisdom, the delightfully mellow volume reveals Doctor Hume's tact and understanding in treating bandit, peasant or mandarin and his able leadership of the college and hospital. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs.

Lowell family. **Greenslet, Ferris.** The Lowells and their seven worlds. Houghton $4 **B** *or* **92**

A skilful portrayal of seven eras of the "multifarious Lowells," providing "not so much the success story of a family as a chronicle play of New England history for three centuries, seen through the family's eyes and dramatized in action." Quoting freely from letters, diaries and other firsthand sources, the lively narrative is concerned with distinguished figures in religion, industry, arts, letters, education and science from Percival Lowle's coming to the New World from England down to the present time. Photographs. Genealogy, index.

Matthews, H. L. The education of a correspondent. Harcourt $4 **B** *or* **92**

An honest, compelling chronicle by the well-known foreign correspondent of *The New York Times,* describing in detail his career of adventure, danger and hardships, his position on various world questions and his reflections during the past ten years as he participated in the Ethiopian conquest, the Spanish Civil War and in the second World War in India and Italy. Some of the material has appeared in *The New York Times* and *Town and Country.* Index.

†**Quezon, M. L.** The good fight. Appleton-Century $4 **B** *or* **92**

In this simply written, deeply felt, candid autobiography, the late president of the Commonwealth of the Philippines has told of the humble surroundings of his youth and of his experiences as a revolutionary, a lawyer, a public servant and as staunch leader of his people in the heroic defense of Bataan and Corregidor. His tireless fight for Filipino independence and his appreciation of United States policy toward his country are stressed throughout. Three chapters were compiled, after Quezon's death, from notes and recorded conversations. Maps on end papers, colored portrait as frontispiece and other photographs. Index.

Schoenberner, Franz. Confessions of a European intellectual. Macmillan $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

A sparkling volume of reminiscences of pre-Hitler Germany, in which the brilliant former editor of the distinguished satirical political weekly, *Simplicissimus,* recalls his youth and education as a member of the German intellectual middle class and his varied editorial and publishing experiences. Wittily depicting important personalities of the political and artistic world met in the course of his professional life, Schoenberner, with temperance, urbanity and acumen, records his own thoughts and emotions and the reactions of friends and associates to the rise of Nazism, shedding new light on German culture and philosophy. For the discriminating reader.

Sitwell, *Sir* **Osbert,** *5th bart.* The scarlet tree. (Atlantic Monthly Press bk) Little $3.50 **B** *or* **92**

In shifting, kaleidoscopic scenes, rich in texture, in color and in atmosphere, Osbert Sitwell, in this second volume of his memoirs, portrays the Victorian world of his childhood as it appeared to a little boy, "an artist in embryo," compelled to spend the greater part of his time drearily in fashionable private schools, bullied and disliked for his lack

of conformity to school spirit and methods. In vivid contrast to these periods are the fleeting golden holidays at home or in Italy. Adroit in his characterizations, the author limns with wit and keen perception innumerable incidents revelatory of his remarkable father, his extravagant, lovely mother and all the others who impinged on his own developing personality. Index.

Sun Yat-sen. **Chen, Stephen, & Payne, P. S. R.** Sun Yat-sen; a portrait. (Asia Press bk) Day $3 **B** *or* **92**

Using unpublished material made available by members of the Kuomintang party, this sympathetic and absorbing study of the founder of the Chinese Republic traces Sun Yat-sen's development and role as a revolutionary. His vision, his influence on the inarticulate millions of China and position of leadership as head of the national party are explained against the background of history. Portrait frontispiece. Note on his ancestry and chronological table in appendixes, index.

†**Vasari, Giorgio.** Lives of the artists; ed. by Betty Burroughs. Simon & Schuster $3.75 **B** *or* **92**

In presenting this abridged edition of the first complete English translation of Vasari, Miss Burroughs makes available the facts of interest to the general reader in the famous series of biographies of "the most eminent architects, painters and sculptors of Italy," an indispensable source of information on Renaissance art. The volume contains Vasari's introductions to Parts II and III and explanatory notes by the editor at chapter ends. Colored frontispiece and other excellent photographic reproductions, some in color. Map on end papers. Glossary, index.

Webb, Beatrice. **Cole, Margaret (*Mrs* G. D. H. Cole).** Beatrice Webb. Harcourt $3 **B** *or* **92**

Brilliantly analytical memoir of the late Beatrice Webb, "one of the greatest women of our generation," whose life story is the social history of her time. Outlining her Victorian childhood and years of apprenticeship as her father's close companion and the manager of his household, the interesting and important narrative goes on to trace her development as a Socialist and her unique partnership with Sidney Webb, stressing in particular, her "extraordinary disinterestedness" and the practicality and originality which distinguished this remarkable political propagandist and reformer. Portrait photographs, index.

Fiction

La Farge, Christopher. The sudden guest. Coward-McCann $2.50

While self-centered Miss Leckton is preparing for and then living through the 1944 hurricane in baffled loneliness at her seashore home, her thoughts go back repeatedly to the events of the great storm of September 1938, and to the rude invasion of her precious solitude by the strange assortment of people, desperately knocking at her door for shelter. A gripping, tense, psychological novel, brilliantly portraying the terrifying atmosphere of the storm, while subtly pointing up the lesson of isolationism.

Laxness, H. K. Independent people; tr. from the Icelandic by J. A. Thompson. Knopf $3

An epic novel of contemporary Iceland in which a poor sheep raiser, stubbornly independent, ruthless even in his relationships with his wife and children, struggles heroically against man and the elements to hold Summerhouses, his hard-won land, believed by the superstitious crofters to rest under a curse. Full of colorful episodes, dramatic, humorous, tragic, grim.

MacInnes, *Mrs* Helen. Horizon. Little $2

When the Englishman, Peter Lennox, is liberated from an Italian prison camp, he is sent high up into the Dolomite Alps to act as liaison officer between the Allies and the Underground Tyrolese, who have clung to their land and their heritage under Italian rule. Chafing at his new kind of imprisonment, Peter, nevertheless, comes to appreciate the people for their patience, their simplicity and for their hardness, so like their mountains, and when his chance comes to leave, he throws in his lot with them and starts North to win new recruits against the enemy. Insight into the character of the Tyrolese and fine descriptions of the country mark the novel, which is not without its undercurrent of suspense.

Moore, Ruth. Spoonhandle. Morrow $2.75

Because Hod and Willie Stilwell insist on living in peace and independence on their own tiny Maine island, lobstering and fishing, their swindler brother, Pete, and Agnes, their domineering sister, wrapped smugly in the Stilwell family tradition, spread the idea among the villagers that the boys are strange and eccentric. What happens when a wealthy man tries to buy Little Spoon island and Pete cheats his neighbors out of their property to resell to encroaching summer people is related in a narrative which shows Hod and Willie in their true character to a community finally cognizant of Pete's chicanery. Vivid realization of Maine coast and people.

Morgenstern, Soma. The son of the lost son; tr. by Joseph Leftwich and Peter Gross. Rinehart $2.50

As Wolf Mohilevski, a rich Jewish landowner of Galicia and one of the initiators of the orthodox movement to lead the Jews of the whole world back to the sacred teachings, prepares to attend the Congress of the Sons of the True Tradition in Vienna in 1928, his heart is troubled by thoughts of his unknown nephew who, as the son of Wolf's misguided, renegade brother, must be growing up in the great city, estranged from his own people and from his God. With Wolf goes his bailiff, Yankel, a stubborn, devoted old man who has long since determined to find the young nephew, Alfred, and bring him back as heir to the family estates. With skilled artistry, humor and subtle insight into individual character and into Jewish traditions and customs, the author makes clear both the circumstances that drove Wolf and his brother apart and the forces that bring him and the sensitive Alfred together.

Orwell, George, *pseud.* Animal farm. Harcourt $1.75

A stinging, allegorical satire directed at communism and its ramifications. It all happens on Farmer Jones's farm where one day the animals rise up against his cruelty, drive all human beings away and set up a supposedly Utopian government. How the clever, unscrupulous pigs gradually gain ascendancy over the other creatures is related with effective and devastating wit.

Pakington, Humphrey. Aston Kings. Norton $2.75

By marrying the socially eligible Captain Gaunt, Canon Wargrave's pretty daughter, Gertrude, is "the family success so far." With refreshing humor and clever characterization this delicious comedy of manners, unfolding against the typically 19th century background of Aston Kings, an English country estate, portrays the efforts of Mrs Wargrave to arrange the lives of her other children despite the disturbing machinations of her devious sister-in-law and of formidable Mrs Bayley, mother of six husband-hunting daughters.

Payne, P. S. R. Torrents of spring. Dodd $2.75

In the remote province of Szechuan among the inaccessible gorges stands the fortress-like Hall of the Splendid Cloud, home of a Chinese diplomat, whose attendance at the court of the Manchus and his missions abroad leave his three charming, intelligent children to live in a strange world compounded of myths and legends and of the revolutionary ideals of Sun Yat-sen. Distinguished for its evocative, poetic prose style, for its sensitive portrayal of the shifting emotions and conflicts of youth and for its brilliant painting of the Chinese scene, the novel follows Shaofeng, Lifeng and the beautiful Rose out of their idyllic, dreaming childhood into their role of immature but determined conspirators. Further volumes are indicated.

Rabinowitz, Shalom (Shalom Aleichem, *pseud.***).** The old country; tr. by Julius and Frances Butwin. Crown $3

These 27 stories by the great Jewish humorist, Sholom Aleichem, present with kindly warmth, pungent wit and sharp penetration "the little people" of the Ukrainian town, Kasrilevka. Dealing with paupers, rabbis, innkeepers, scholars and brides, the sketches, excellently translated, blend philosophy with poverty, merriment with affliction and reverence with skepticism as they describe in special flavorful idiom the religious customs and festivals and the traditions in the now vanished "Old Country." Glossary.

Richter, Conrad. The fields. Knopf $2.50

As in *The trees* (*Bookmark*, May 1940), Sayward, the "woodsy girl," is the central figure of this inspiriting, authentic pioneer story of southern Ohio in the early 19th century. How Sayward, unlettered but "cam," steady and independent, undertakes, with the help of her grist of children, the back-breaking job of making a farm out of her clearing in the endless wilderness, is instrumental in bringing a church and a school to the scattered settlement and refuses, in spite of her lawyer-husband's desire to leave, to run away and be licked by the encroaching trees, is related in the vigorous speech of the period.

Sarton, May. The bridge of years. Doubleday $2.75

In the darkest hours of the first World War, their small estate near Brussels had been like a fortress, intimate and secret, to young Melanie and Paul Duchesne. In this delicately perceptive chronicle, Melanie, the energetic business woman, warm-hearted and lovable, her irascible, temperamental genius of a husband, and their three attractive, growing daughters are observed as, with their individual worries, problems and emotions, they journey over the bridge of years which leads to another world catastrophe. That Melanie, as the shadow of war again appears, has prepared her family well to endure another occupation is proved by their unanimous decision not to abandon the villagers, not to change their way of life, but if need be, to resist to death.

Scott, Jessie. The charity ball. Macmillan $2.75

Brought up in isolated mountain regions, their contacts limited to a family circle composed of an invalid mother, a mining engineer father and a succession of tutors, Esther and Harriet Benedict feel like aliens from another planet when they are left to the mercies of their icily snobbish, domineering grandmother and to cold-shouldering by their high school classmates in an old midwestern city. Uninstructed in the language and customs of this new environment, the girls repeatedly find themselves in hot water but pin their hopes on the glittering prospect of the Charity Ball after which they are sure they will never be "queer" and left out again. An entertaining novel that explores the innermost circles of the Old St Cyr Families in the early 1900's.

Sharp, Margery. Britannia Mews. Little $2.75

When, in the 1880's, innocent but wilful Adelaide Culver elopes with her philandering, tippling drawing teacher, she turns her back forever on her comfortable, decorous, stable London home, confident her Henry will become a great artist and that she can reform him even as she intends to retrieve his flat in squalid Britannia Mews from its filth and clutter. How, her love long since blighted, Adelaide, after Henry's strange and suspiciously sudden death, comes to stay on in the Mews, first as one condemned to imprisonment and then, freed from her horrid chains by the kindly, companionable Gilbert, going contentedly down the years with him, becoming a distinguished "personage" and making the Mews both smart and famous through a puppet theater is related in a novel marked by skilful artistry in its portrayal of character and period.

Van Gelder, Robert, & Van Gelder, Dorothy, *eds.* American legend; a treasury of our country's yesterdays. Appleton-Century $3.75

Through an excellent selection of "the sound and usually humorous writings that have the power to take readers into the living company of another time, another place," the authors present an entertaining, imaginative "picture of America." Included in the anthology are short stories, excerpts from books and three complete short novels, *A mirror for witches* by Esther Forbes, *The robber bridegroom* by Eudora Welty, and *The old maid* by Edith Wharton. Decorated end papers.

Mystery and Detective Stories

Burton, Miles. Accidents do happen. (Crime club) Doubleday $2

Daly, Elizabeth. The wrong way down. Rinehart $2.50

Eberhart, *Mrs* **M. G.** Five passengers from Lisbon. Random House $2

Holding, *Mrs* **E. S.** Net of cobwebs. (Inner sanctum mystery) Simon & Schuster $2

Kelsey, Vera. Whisper murder! (Crime club) Doubleday $2

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